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September 20, 2002

Hon. James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A; North Welsh  
Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Kerr-McGee Rocky Mountain Corporation to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Hackberry Zone, North Welsh Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hackberry Zone, in the North Welsh Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Hackberry Zone, designated as the HBY RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A.

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The Hackberry Zone has been previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1193-A-2, effective June 12, 1985.

No request for the pre-application conference was received and accordingly it was not held.

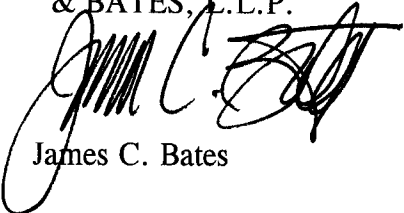
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of North Welsh Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of North Welsh Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Attached hereto is a plat showing the proposed HBY RA SUA. Enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL  
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
Interested Owners  
Represented Parties

